

PACFA Fall Update

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Fall Symposium Highlights

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The PACFA team just completed our fourth educational symposium for licensees. The symposium was held at our new offices at 305 Interlocken Parkway in Broomfield, CO. Thank you to all the licensees who contributed to a new high in attendance numbers at this symposium.

Dr. Anderson opened with a short PACFA update and introduction of the PACFA team, including those added since the last symposium. Jamee Amundson and Chris Kline our new inspectors and Adrienne Bannister, our Administrative Assistant.

Leslie Yoder from the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region and a member of the Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies (CFAWA) presented the new statistics form for rescue and shelter licensees that will be required to include with their renewal application in February 2015. The form is currently available on the PACFA web site at www.colorado.gov/ag/animals/PACFA.

PACFA Inspector Cindy Thompson explained how to use the formulas in the new PACFA rules to determine minimum enclosure sizes for dogs and birds. A chart will be added to the website to help quickly determine the required minimum square footage for dogs based on the amount of time they are housed. A copy of the power point presentations that are available will also be posted as soon as possible.

Dr. Tanya Tims with USDA spoke about the new changes in the USDA rules concerning sight unseen transfer of dogs and cats and about the new import requirements that prohibit puppies coming into the United States for resale that are under 6 months of age.

Dr. Tracy Thompson, an inspector with USDA, presented ideas for enrichment for pet animals and the reasons that enrichment can translate into healthier and more productive pets. Dr. Thompson has worked with enrichment programs in zoos and aquariums and has seen the positive results in the animals in those long term environments.

Thanks to Adrienne, we all enjoyed pastries, cookies and drinks during breaks!

Thank you all for the information you provided in your exit surveys. We will continue to work to make the symposiums we offer better every year based on the information that you provide.



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**Don't Forget
Your Current
PACFA License
will Expire on
February 28, 2015.**

2015 Symposium

Our next Symposium will be held in September 2015. If you have any topics you would like to see addressed please send us an email CDA_PACFA@state.co.us

Cat Cage Modifications

The following link provides a very basic how-to guide for making and installing PVC portals that will allow you to make single stainless steel cages into double compartment housing units. Doing these modifications takes some knowledge and skill in using a variety of tools safely. Please seek additional guidance if needed.

<http://sheltermedicine.com/shelter-health-portal/information-sheets/cat-cage-modifications-making-double-compartment-cat-cages->

"You can judge a man's true character by the way he treats his fellow animals."

— [Paul McCartney](#)

Preparing Your Pets for the Holidays

Highlights taken from the American Humane Association website

To see the full page of information about Holiday Issues for pets please visit <http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/adoption-pet-care/issues-information/holiday-issues.html>



While holidays bring good times and cheer for many, they also bring a unique set of circumstances for companion animals. Many of the Holiday items such as cards, gifts decorated with ribbons, tinsel or yarn, and special decorations like those for Christmas trees not only draw our attention but our pets attention also. Unfortunately, many of these items can cause serious damage to our pets.

Here are some things for you to consider in keeping your pets safe and happy this Holiday Season.

Christmas trees

- Anchor trees securely. Climbing cats and dogs with wagging tails can knock over your tree.
- Hang breakable, glass ornaments well out of reach. The small glass and metal fastenings can be stepped on or even swallowed by your pet.
- Keep tinsel, ribbons and garland out of your pets' reach, especially cats that are intrigued by them. These can become lodged in their intestines, cause obstructions and lead to surgery or death.
- Clean up pine needles frequently. They can be toxic when eaten by your pet.
- Prevent your pet from drinking water in the tree stand if you have added preservative chemicals. These can be poisonous to pets. Also, stagnant water can contain bacteria, which may lead to vomiting and diarrhea if ingested.

Holiday house plants

Although they add a warm touch, many plants can harm your pets. Keep these potentially dangerous bloomers well out of reach.

- Lilies can be deadly to cats, and many types can cause cats to have kidney failure.
- Poinsettias, although not as toxic as people often think, can upset your pet's digestive system.
- Mistletoe, especially the berries, is highly toxic, can cause stomach upset and has the potential to cause fatal heart problems.
- Holly can cause vomiting, diarrhea, nausea and lethargy.
- Certain types of ivy, such as English ivy, can also cause severe harm.
- Amaryllis can cause vomiting and diarrhea.

Lights, candles and fragrance

- Keep lights and extension cords safely secured or covered to deter chewing, which can lead to electric shock or even electrocution. Better yet, invest in pet-proof extension cords, or spray with products such as Bitter Apple or Chew Stop.
- Candles can be fragrant and enticing to pets. But they can be a fire hazard if knocked over by an exuberant pet, and the fumes can be harmful to birds.
- Liquid potpourri and sachets, popular during the holidays, can be very dangerous. Exposure can cause skin or oral damage to your pet and may cause illness or death.

BLEACH DILUTION CALCULATOR

We routinely are asked where people can find the Bleach Dilution Calculator. The ASPCA Professional website not only has the calculator available on the following link but also some additional information on sanitation.

<http://www.aspcapro.org/blog/2014/01/15/tip-week-dilution-solution>

Did you know?

The most common cat greeting is to rub noses.



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Cranberry Pumpkin Treats



Ingredients:

- ◆ 15 ounce Canned Pumpkin
- ◆ 1/4 cup dried Cranberries
- ◆ 1 cup Powdered Milk
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon Cinnamon
- ◆ 3 cups Whole Wheat Flour

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl add all ingredients and mix until well combined. Knead dough into ball and roll onto a floured surface until dough is a 1/4 inch thick. Cut with a cookie cutter and poke with a fork to prevent air bubbles. Place on cookie sheet and bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until browned at the edges. Cool and refrigerate.

Random Reminders

- 🐾 PACFA Rules & Regulations can be found on our website <http://colorado.gov/ag/animals/PACFA>.
- 🐾 Our new Rabies Brochure, as required by the new rules, can be found on our website. Please print this off if you sell, adopt or transfer dogs, cats or ferrets.
- 🐾 All Psittacine birds are required to have a leg band to be sold or transferred, please call our office at 303-869-9146 or visit our website for more information.
- 🐾 If you move your business you are required to complete a new application.

New Faces in PACFA



Meet our newest inspector, Chris Kline. Chris is a 6th generation Colorado native and resides in the Grand Junction area.

Chris graduated from Bel Rea Institute in 1991 in Animal Technology and received her CVT at that time. Chris will be performing inspections on the Western Slope (everything west of the Continental Divide).

Dates to Remember

December 25, 2014
Christmas. Our office will be closed

January 1, 2015
New Year Day. Our office will be closed

February 28, 2015
2014 PACFA License Expire

March 1, 2015
Late fees will be assessed for any applications not postmarked by this date.

Rule of the Month



1.00 Definitions and Abbreviations

B. cleaning: mechanical removal of organic matter and waste through application of soap, detergent, or other cleaning agent followed by rinsing of all surfaces with clean water.

P. Sanitation:

1. Chemical: application of a disinfectant, per the manufacturer's label instructions, to a clean surface.
2. Heat: application of heat to raise surface temperature to at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit.
3. Radiation: application of radiation by an irradiating device. (Acceptable if used as directed.)

Reminder: All surfaces including water and food containers must be cleaned and then sanitized. Disinfectants cannot kill bacteria and viruses in the presence of organic debris. If a cleaner / disinfectant combination product is used, it must be used once to clean and then again to sanitize.

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